

## **Environment Department**

## SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR

Ryan Flynn, Cabinet Secretary
Butch Tongate, Deputy Secretary

## NEWS RELEASE September 26, 2014

**Contact:** Jim Winchester

Communications Director

New Mexico Environment Department

(505)231-8800 / jim.winchester@state.nm.us

## **Environment Department Lifts "Precautionary Boil Water Advisory" For Water Systems Along the Pecos River In Eddy County**

(Santa Fe, N.M.) – The New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED) Drinking Water Bureau is lifting the "Precautionary Boil Water Advisory" for Water Systems along the Pecos River in Eddy County.

NMED issued the precautionary advisory on September 22, 2014 for water systems located near the Pecos River in Eddy County due to the heavy rain fall and flooding. Recent microbiological samples collected from Public Water Systems in the affected area have been free of Coliform Bacteria and E.coli. NMED has also inspected affected public water systems in the area and is continuing to work with those systems to ensure protection of public health.

Customers of water systems in the area are still encouraged to contact their individual water systems for updates on the status of their water systems.

NMED is still advising customers of the SKP RV Park Water System, located south of Artesia, to seek an alternate source of drinking water, such as bottled water, until it can be determined if those wells are free from floodwater contamination.

The NMED Drinking Water Bureau will continue to monitor the situation as well as provide technical assistance to the water systems in the affected area as needed.

For more information, call NMED Communications Director Jim Winchester at (505) 231-8800 or Brandi Garcia, Drinking Water Bureau Compliance Officer, at (575) 973-0731.

###